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Consolidation of three Missouri Career Centers Planned

In order to serve Missouri job seekers and businesses more effectively and efficiently, the Missouri Division of Workforce Development has announced the consolidation of three offices. Rick Beasley, acting director of the division, said Friday offices in Marshall, Maryville and Kansas City would be affected and the 27 employees in those offices would be moved to other Missouri Career Centers.

The changes will become effective December 31 and will save \$121,000 annually.

“By consolidating these offices with other locations, we believe services will be enhanced at other Career Centers to better serve Missourians who are seeking jobs and businesses who are seeking workers,” said Beasley.

The 21 staff working at 1411 Main in Kansas City will be moved to other locations in Kansas City, including 4900 Swope Parkway, 1740 Paseo, and 3100 Northeast 83rd Street. “We have been understaffed in some parts of Kansas City and this allows us to expand services and have some offices open later in the evening and on Saturdays,” said Beasley.

The Marshall Career Center has four staff who will be re-located to Sedalia and other nearby centers. In Maryville the office has just two employees who will be moved to St. Joseph.

Beasley pointed out that many of the services provided by his division are available from the Missouri WORKS! web site at www.missouriworks.com, but for those who need assistance from staff, they can go to other Career Center locations.

“Our web site provides Missourians the opportunity to access our job listings and services 24 hours a day from their homes, businesses, schools or public libraries,” said Beasley. “Employment, career planning and training services are available on-line. Businesses may use the site to find qualified applicants and review resumes, post their job openings, and obtain workforce data. But for those individuals who want to talk with staff or get information about other services, there are still plenty of opportunities to do that.”

Missouri Career Centers are one-stop employment and training centers, which help businesses find quality workers and help job seekers find the employment training services they need to obtain quality jobs. Beasley pointed out that Career Centers are located around the state and that individuals can go to the location of their choice. “Our offices are all inter-related. Whether you go to one location or several locations, the same information is always available.”

All services at Missouri Career Centers and at the Missouri WORKS! Internet site are provided at no cost to customers.

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